



California State Parks

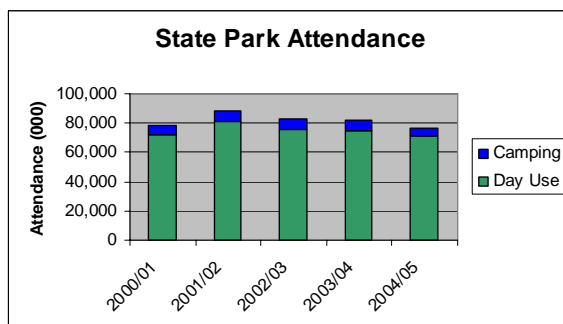
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Parks by the Numbers

- ❖ There are 278 classified and unclassified units in the California State Park System, divided into 23 districts, including five in the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.
- ❖ A total of 1.5 million acres of land are owned by California State Parks (CSP). Comprising nearly 1.5% of the total area of California.
- ❖ Over 6.5 million feet of waterfront are owned by CSP. This includes 3.4 million feet of lakefront, 1.6 million feet (280 miles) of ocean front, and 1.7 million feet of river front.
- ❖ CSP provides the public with: over 15,000 individual and group camp sites, 590 overnight facilities, nearly 8,000 picnic sites, and 3,760 miles of non-motorized trails.
- ❖ Over 76 million people visited California State Parks in the 2003/04 fiscal year. At 1 oz. of sunscreen per person, that equals more than 600,000 gallons of sun protection!
- ❖ 3% of park visitors operate off-highway vehicles in state park units each year.



❖ Top Ten State Parks (2004/2005 Attendance):

1. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
2. Huntington State Beach
3. Sonoma Coast State Beach
4. Seacliff State Beach
5. Bolsa Chica State Beach
6. San Onofre State Beach

7. Doheny State Beach
8. Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area
9. New Brighton State Beach
10. Malibu Lagoon State Beach

❖ Top Attendance by Unit Type

(2004/2005 Attendance):

- State Historic Park—Old Town San Diego
- State Beach – Huntington
- State Park – Morro Bay
- State Vehicular Recreation Area – Oceano Dunes
- State Recreation Area – Lake Oroville
- State Reserve – Armstrong Redwoods
- State Historic Monument – Hearst San Simeon SHM

❖ Ten California State Parks were named to the **2005 Top 100 Family Camp-grounds in the U.S.** in a survey conducted by Reserve America:

- Big Basin Redwoods State Park
- Brannan Island State Recreation Area
- Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park
- MacKerricher State Park
- Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park
- Mount Diablo State Park
- Patrick's Point State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- Salt Point State Park

❖ A significant portion of California's natural and cultural resources are protected by California State Parks:

- 94% of the 1.5 million acres of the State Park System is managed for natural resource values.
- California State Parks is responsible for documentation, preservation and care of 10,000 known prehistoric and historic archeological sites, 3,000 historic buildings, and more than 6 million museum objects, archival documents and specimens.



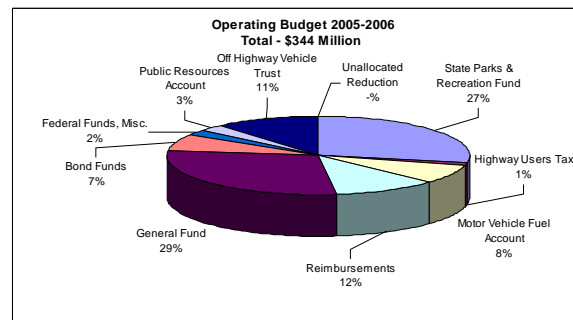
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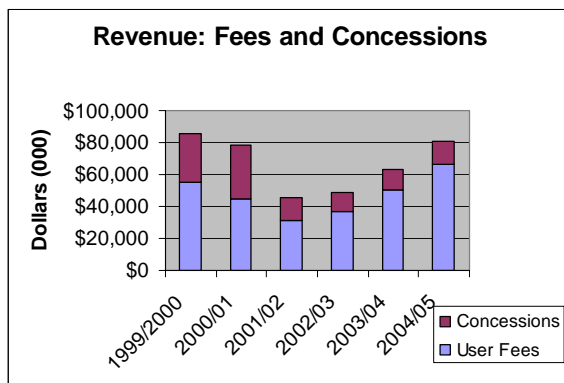


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- ❖ Since 1965 California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services has administered over \$2 billion in local assistance grants, including funds approved by the passage of Park Bond Acts, and federal monies such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- ❖ The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$257.8 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds.
- ❖ California State Parks is authorized to employ approximately 2,400 permanent staff and approximately 2,700 seasonal staff to administer, protect, operate and maintain the State Park System.
- ❖ Nearly 12,000 volunteers contributed almost 900,000 hours to the department in 2004. Volunteers staff visitor centers, maintain trails, serve as camp hosts, present interpretive (educational) programs and special events, and do much more.



- ❖ California State Parks' Concessions Program includes over 170 concession contracts, including for-profit and non-profit concessionaries (2003/04).
- ❖ California State Parks' 2005-2006 budget totals \$344 Million. The largest sources for these funds are:
 - State's General Fund (\$100.9 million)
 - State Parks and Recreation Fund (\$95.7 million)
- ❖ Interpretive (educational) programs add to the appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural resources preserved in California State Parks:
 - In 2003/04, 2 million visitors enjoyed guided hikes, tours, talks and demonstrations.
 - Each year approximately 550,000 school children attend formal interpretive programs in state parks.
 - Young visitors also participate in programs designed specifically for them, such as the Junior Rangers and Junior Lifeguards.



- ❖ Learn more about California State Parks with these *Quick Facts* sheets:
 - At a Park Near You* – the connection between California State Parks and California residents
 - Camping In Your California State Parks* – reservation tips
 - The Cultural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Park units contain a wide variety of cultural resources
 - Dollars and Cents* – California State Park funding, local grants and concessions
 - The Future of California State Parks* – California State Parks are part of the California lifestyle
 - Interpretation and Education* – learning is fun in California State Parks!
 - The Natural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Parks preserve some of the state's most important natural treasures
 - California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division* – fun off the road in California State Parks
 - Park People* - the people that protect and operate California's State Parks
 - Topical Matters* - important California State Park topics in the news
 - What's in a Park?* – the wide variety of places and experiences you can find in California State Parks